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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD AND MAGNETIC RECORDING-
REPRODUCING APPARATUS**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 48 pages, including 4 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings -9 sheets of formal drawings containing 32 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-048516, filed on February 26, 2003.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Basic Application Filing Fee | | | | | \$770 | \$ \$770.00 |
| | Number of Claims | | Basic | Extra Claims | | |
| Total Claims | 20 | - | 20 | 0 | x \$18 | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 4 | - | 3 | 1 | x \$86 | \$ 86.00 |
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6. A check for \$856.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

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\$86.00 for extra claim fee.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-048516, filed on February 26, 2003.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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